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The Goosenest Ranger District will be Conducting Additional Prescribed Underburns

Yreka, CA – The Goosenest Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest will be conducting multiple low-intensity underburns within the Goosenest Adaptive Management Area (AMA) as part of a continuing research project to assess the effects of different treatments on improving forest health and timber production. One specific goal of this AMA is to develop ecosystem management approaches including the use of prescribed burning and other silvicultural techniques for management of pine forests, including objectives relating to forest health, production and maintenance of late-successional forest and riparian habitat, and commercial timber production.

A test burn within the AMA was done last year and conditions were too moist to meet burning objectives. This year burning conditions are looking more favorable considering the dry late summer/early fall weather patterns. The underburns are planned to begin on Tuesday, October 5th, 2010 and will continue throughout the month.

This is a long term research project designed to look at ways to restore old growth forests and achieve ecological and economic health and other social objectives. This research is comparing thinning only, thinning and prescribed burning, prescribed burning only, and no treatments to see which method is best at restoring old growth forests. This type of research will help guide future management of our forests and is intended to contribute substantially to the achievement of well-distributed late-successional forest habitat outside of reserves.

The 940-acre Goosenest AMA prescribed fire project is located 2 miles southeast of Tennant, California. For further information, please contact Ron McEwen at (530) 398-5731.